

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

WILLIAM GAUGHAN, PRESIDENT

KYLE DONAHUE, VICE PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN

MARK MCANDREW

JESSICA ROTHCHILD

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

KEVIN HAYES, COUNCIL SOLICITOR

(Pledge of Allegiance recited and a
moment of reflection observed.)

MR. GAUGHAN: Roll call, please.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Here.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

MR. MCANDREW: Present.

MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

MR. DONAHUE: Here.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Mrs. Reed,
please dispense with the reading of the
minutes.

MS. REED: THIRD ORDER.

3-A. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
JANUARY 8, 2020.

3-B. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD JANUARY 6, 2020.

3-C. RESUMES OF CITY OF SCRANTON
2020 MAYORAL CABINET APPOINTEES.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Are there any comments
2 on any of the Third Order items? If not,
3 received and filed. Do any Council members
4 have any announcements at this time?

5 MR. DONAHUE: I have one.
6 Applications are now available for the City of
7 Scranton lifeguard positions. They may be
8 picked up at City Hall Human Resources
9 Department, third floor or at Weston Field
10 House, 982 Providence Road. Any questions, you
11 could you call the Parks Department at
12 570-348-4186.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
14 else? I have two announcements. Next Monday,
15 February 17th is President's Day. And City
16 Hall will be closed in observance of the
17 federal holiday. Garbage and recycling will be
18 on their regular pickup schedule next week.
19 The DPW does not have President's Day off and
20 they will be working on Monday.

21 On Tuesday, February 18th, at 5:45
22 p.m., we will have a caucus in Council chambers
23 with representatives of NeighborWorks. They
24 will present information regarding the upcoming
25 round of the Beautiful Blocks Program and

1 provide feedback on how the first round went as
2 well. This is a very worthwhile neighborhood
3 program. And we thank NeighborWorks for taking
4 an opportunity to share this information with
5 our residents. And this caucus will be
6 televised on ECTV as well. Mrs. Reed, Fourth
7 Order.

8 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
9 PARTICIPATION.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Just a reminder, when
11 you come up to speak, please state your name
12 for the record.

13
14 (The following speakers offered
15 public comment on agenda items and matters of
16 general concern:)

17
18 Lee Morgan

19 Norma Jeffries

20 Joan Hodowanitz

21 Tom Coyne

22 Marie Schumacher

23 Dave Dobrzyn.)

24
25 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

1 MOTIONS.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Rogan, any
3 comments or motions?

4 MR. ROGAN: Nothing at this time.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Mr.
6 McAndrew, any motions or comments?

7 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, I have a few.
8 As Chairperson of Public Safety, I'd like to
9 compliment the efforts of Detective Fueshk and
10 fellow officer Scott Stelmak and Lenny
11 Nemica{sic} for putting on a crime scene
12 investigation and canine unit demonstration at
13 police headquarters yesterday for an area boy
14 scout troop. I'm a big fan of this kind of
15 community engagement.

16 Also last week Mr. Coyne, he posed a
17 question about our city's readiness or if
18 there's a plan to deal with the potential
19 threat of the coronavirus. So acting fire
20 chief, Al Lucas responded that at this time the
21 Pennsylvania Department of Health is only
22 recommending that we treat coronavirus
23 prevention the same way as we do for the flu.

24 But also Acting Chief Lucas did provide
25 us with information sheets from the CDC. Okay,

Also, I'm also very happy that our city's administration has taken legal action against the delinquent landlord Ken Bond. I hope this is the first of many and efforts to recoup delinquent garbage fees continues. That's all I have. Thank you.

DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I have a few comments. First off, I know we had a moment of silence at the time beginning of the meeting. But I just would like to provide my condolences to the families and the people that were affected by the fire that was on Putnam Street this week.

I previously lived on the same block

1 just a few doors down. So that really came
2 close to home for me. We had rented a property
3 down there shortly before we bought our home a
4 few years ago. So I am very sorry to hear of
5 their loss.

6 A few other points, last week we had
7 a resident come in here who explained that she
8 had some concerns regarding the Penn Ridge
9 Capouse Ave., pool. And I have been delving
10 into that further. And I contacted OECD. And
11 I'm setting up a meeting with our Parks and
12 Recs Department and our grant writer to see
13 what possible grants might be appropriate to
14 use for that space to turn that into something
15 else. That's a project that I'm very
16 interested and invested in.

17 And in addition to that, I
18 previously spoken to this but working with the
19 University of Scranton, their students. I just
20 spoke at a marketing research class tonight at
21 the University of Scranton. And they are going
22 to work on developing a pilot study for
23 starting internally and hopefully something
24 that we can use later on with the other
25 colleges and universities in our region.

1 But the study is going to work on
2 surveying students and alumni to figure out why
3 students may not stay in Scranton after
4 graduation and what factors could motivate them
5 to make that decision. So that is my update on
6 that.

7 And then one other thing I want to
8 bring up -- and I know it's been brought up to
9 Council before. But I really think that this
10 is necessary for the City of Scranton, the
11 SeeClickFix Program or using a similar program
12 like that to track complaints and issues
13 throughout the City. I think that is something
14 that we need to bring to light again.

15 We would really benefit from having
16 that program to help us organize those
17 complaints. And I'm hoping that the Mayor's
18 administration is willing to work together with
19 us on that. Thank you.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Dr.
21 Rothchild. Councilman Donahue, any motions or
22 comments?

23 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, just briefly a
24 couple DPW updates. I talked to Director
25 Gallagher this morning. First off, there are

1 red bins available now down at DPW for anyone
2 that needs new red bins. I know we got a
3 couple questions about a month ago. And the
4 City was out. We had received a new order in.
5 So they are available down at DPW on Popular
6 Street.

7 Also on the paper recycling, there
8 should be a calendar released by the end of the
9 week outlining a new procedure for collecting
10 paper and cardboard. It's more than likely
11 going to be, you know, commingled one week
12 paper, commingle and then cardboard. That's
13 the way it's looking now. But that's going to
14 be announced probably in the next week. And
15 more than likely it will take effect the week
16 of March 2nd.

17 So for next week for the paper and
18 cardboard, you could put them both out together
19 for this one last week. We also got a couple
20 complaints about the 17 and 1800 blocks of
21 Clearview Street. They were paved last year.
22 And now Pennsylvania American Water is going in
23 and replacing storm drains.

24 So the reasoning for -- that they
25 were allowed to do that is the storm drains are

1 connected to the combined system. And there
2 are -- there is some sewage backflow into a
3 couple of the homes in that area.

4 So it's considered an emergency.
5 But Pennsylvania American Water has agreed to
6 pave those two blocks curb to curb once the new
7 storm drains are installed. That should happen
8 in the spring then because I think they should
9 be -- I think they should be starting -- I
10 think they were starting today on that project
11 and then working over the next few weeks. And
12 then once the blacktop factory is open, they'll
13 get those paved. And I believe that's all I
14 have for tonight. Thank you.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
16 Donahue. Thanks for coming tonight everyone.
17 I just have a few things to mention. The
18 first, Miss Hodowanitz asked about the MS4
19 permit. It's really just the same update that
20 I had last week, Miss Hodowanitz. Nothing
21 really has changed.

22 We haven't received anything new,
23 but just kind of to recap, the new permit would
24 be would good for five years once it's issued.
25 Mr. King who is the City Planner who is kind of

1 running the show here with the MS4 permit, he
2 needs to speak with the Mayor to provide her
3 and her -- the administration an update.

4 Once he has done that, he's going to
5 coordinate with Mrs. Reed about coming to a
6 caucus to provide us further update and
7 information. The City did apply as you know in
8 May of 2019. And in August, the City was in
9 contact with the DEP in regards to finishing up
10 some items from the Pollution Reduction Plan.

11 He, at that point has not received
12 an official report yet from DEP regarding the
13 inspection in October. But they do have 80 to
14 90 other communities that are going through the
15 exact same process. So our permit does stay
16 valid until a new one is issued. So that's the
17 update on that.

18 In terms of reimbursable overtime
19 from the police department for 2019 that Miss
20 Schumacher had asked about, we came in at
21 \$289,994.39 for last year. So that's money
22 that was reimbursed back to the City for police
23 overtime.

24 I'd also like at this time to make a
25 motion that City Council send a letter to John

1 Basalyga from the Marketplace at Steamtown
2 asking him for a detailed update on plans for
3 the improvement of the Electric City Garage.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: There's a second. On
6 the question? On the question, I had asked
7 last week that Solicitor Hayes draft a letter,
8 which he did. This was circulated to the other
9 Council members. It will be placed on our
10 agenda next week in Third Order so everyone can
11 take a look at it.

12 Basically what we're looking for is
13 the construction schedule with respect to the
14 Electric City Garage. We're asking for that
15 within 30 days of this -- when the
16 correspondence is being sent out. We would
17 like an explanation of the work which has
18 already been completed since the company
19 acquired the Electric City Garage along with a
20 projected timeline for completing the repair
21 and renovation work on that facility.

22 As I had mentioned a few weeks
23 ago -- have been concerned now for last really
24 two years that it doesn't seem like we're
25 moving the ball in terms of repairing that

1 garage. And as some of you may remember, the
2 Parking Authority basically gave a grant in
3 terms of 2.85 million dollars towards
4 renovations of the Electric City Garage. And
5 it was sold for a dollar.

6 So to me at that time when we were
7 voting on the deal, you know, the garage was in
8 shambles according to everyone that had talked
9 before Council. So why it's taking this long
10 to repair when there's money available, I still
11 don't understand. So hopefully we can get an
12 answer on that. Anyone else on the question?
13 All those in favor of the motion signify by
14 saying aye.

15 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. The ayes have it
20 and so moved. The second thing I wanted to
21 mention -- and I know Councilman Donahue is the
22 Chairperson for Public Works has been in
23 contact with Mr. Srebro, and I believe is
24 meeting with him this week. I had said to
25 Mr. Srebro that it was my belief that there was

1 an effort by the previous administration under
2 Mayor Evans to look at the flooding in Keyser
3 Valley.

4 And Mrs. Reed was in contact with
5 the grant manager for the City of Scranton,
6 Maggie Perry. She did reply that there was a
7 meeting last November with the previous
8 business administrator, Mr. Gallagher, our DPW
9 Director, the City Engineer Mr. Pocius
10 discussing all the flooding issues in Keyser
11 Valley.

12 And they at that time are going to
13 put together a proposal for grant funding for
14 flood control and mitigation. But before they
15 could do that, there had to be an engineering
16 study. There was a meeting scheduled within
17 the last week to discuss this project and a
18 number of other projects related to DPW.

19 It was cancelled. And it had to be
20 rescheduled. But Mrs. Perry is going to inform
21 us regarding what the plan is at least in
22 terms of the grant funding when that becomes
23 available. The other thing -- and I did e-mail
24 this to Mr. Srebro was in regards to something
25 that is already in the works in terms of grant

1 money.

2 The City put in for a grant in the
3 amount of \$418,774 to be used to install new
4 and more efficient inlets and larger pipes to
5 adequately convey runoff on Briggs Street to
6 Keyser creek, its original outlet point. This
7 is a project that will probably take quite some
8 time. But that is something that we're hopeful
9 that the City receives the grant money and they
10 are able to complete that project. So that is
11 an update on that.

12 The third thing that I had in terms
13 of a question that came up regarding the gas
14 card analysis, I believe Miss Hodowanitz asked
15 about the unassigned funds. Let me see if I
16 could find it in my paperwork here. I have it
17 someplace here. I don't know where I put it.
18 There is an answer for that. Let's see.

19 This is what happens when you have
20 all this paperwork in front of you. Here it
21 is. So the deputy controller was in contact
22 with Mrs. Reed along with another employee, the
23 internal auditor Mrs. Gallagher in the
24 Controller's Office. And the unassigned
25 portion is a title for another grouping of gas

1 card users by name and department similar to
2 miscellaneous.

3 But it's titled as unassigned.

4 These individuals were provided gas cards after
5 the cards had already been grouped by
6 department. It's not a literal definition
7 according to the Controller's Office employees.
8 Including in the unassigned grouping are three
9 house cards for police patrol vehicles on
10 Moosic Street, South 7th and South Main Avenue.

11 Attached is the individual user in
12 the unassigned category along with the
13 financial summary indicating the grouping by
14 all departments. And they also wanted to
15 mention to us that the monetary difference in
16 totals is because Sunoco gives the City a
17 rebate based on gas usage.

18 They also wanted to clarify that the
19 rebate is an adjustment for tax. So the City
20 is actually tax exempt. We don't actually pay
21 a tax. So hopefully that answers your
22 question. If you need any followup, I do have
23 the e-mail that she had sent. And I -- the
24 only other thing I wanted to mention was we did
25 receive the list of streets that are proposed

1 to be paved through the OECD spring 2020 paving
2 project.

3 Bids are going to be open February
4 26th for this project. And we did receive a
5 list of the streets. Most of them are in North
6 Scranton. There is 12 of them. And then
7 there's two alternate ones that they put in on
8 Rockwell Avenue. So I do know I travel these
9 streets a lot in North Scranton.

10 And all of these streets are in
11 pretty bad conditions. So I think it's good
12 that the administration is focusing on this
13 area and then obviously hopefully in the City's
14 paving project they focus on some other areas
15 that are also in need. And that's all I have
16 for tonight.

17 MR. DONAHUE: And just to add to
18 that, I did talk to Mr. Gallagher today about
19 the City's paving project. And those should be
20 going out -- the bids for that should start
21 going out in the next couple weeks. Last year
22 we didn't get those out until September and
23 paving didn't start until October. So we're
24 hoping to get them out earlier this year so
25 we're not in a crunch at the end of the year.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Mrs. Reed?

2 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
4 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
5 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND
6 MAKE A LOAN FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
7 ADMINISTRATION-REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT
8 NUMBER 009.500.5, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
9 THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/00 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00)
10 TO RITZ HOSPITALITY, LLC TO ASSIST IN AN
11 ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be introduced
14 into its proper committee.

15 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, on the
19 question. I'm very happy to see the work that
20 the owners are doing on the Ritz property in
21 Scranton. I have frequented in there before.
22 I've recently went to like a movie premier
23 there inside the theater. And I'm very excited
24 to see the work that they do with this loan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone

1 else on the question? All those in favor of
2 introduction signify by saying aye.

3 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
8 ayes have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - APPROVING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
11 SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
12 1986, AS AMENDED, A PLAN OF FINANCING OF THE
13 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE
14 AUTHORITY AND DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE
15 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE
16 PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE
17 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE
18 AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT FOR HOWARD
19 GARDNER MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE CHARTER SCHOOL.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
21 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced
22 into its proper committee.

23 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All

1 those in favor of introduction signify by
2 saying aye.

3 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
8 eyes have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION –
10 A RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
11 STEPHANIE L. BRESSLER, PH.D, 1402 EAST GIBSON
12 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18510 AS A
13 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, EFFECTIVE
14 JANUARY 29, 2020. DR. BRESSLER WILL BE
15 REPLACING JOAN HODOWANITZ WHO RESIGNED
16 EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 25, 2019. DR. BRESSLER WILL
17 FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOAN HODOWANITZ
18 WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE AUGUST 31, 2022.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
20 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced
21 into its proper committee.

22 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, on the

1 question, I've had the privilege of knowing Dr.
2 Bressler for several years now. She's also a
3 neighbor of mine, lives just a block away. And
4 I commend her on the community work that she's
5 done in Scranton including working with
6 Catholic Social Services, many of the refugee
7 and immigrant communities here in Scranton.
8 And I'm very excited to see her appointment
9 come across here today. Thank you.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
11 else on the question? All those in favor of
12 introduction signify by saying aye.

13 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
18 ayes have it and so moved.

19 MS. REED: Sixth Order. 6-A. No
20 business at this time.

21 Seventh Order. 7-A. FOR
22 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
23 ADOPTION – FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3, 2020 –
24 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2, 1983 AN
25 ORDINANCE, AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 39,

1 1977, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES
2 OF DISCOUNT AND PENALTIES ON TAXES DUE ON REAL
3 ESTATE TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON," BY AMENDING
4 CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISCOUNTS, THE
5 DISCOUNT PERIOD, INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS AND
6 PENALTIES ON TAXES DUE ON REAL ESTATE TO THE
7 CITY OF SCRANTON.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
9 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
10 Committee on Finance?

11 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
12 Committee on Finance, I recommend final passage
13 of Item 7-A.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Is there a second?

15 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
17 call, please.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

19 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
3 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

4 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
5 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
6 RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2020 - APPOINTMENT OF CARL
7 GRAZIANO, 418 WILBUR STREET, SCRANTON,
8 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508 TO THE POSITION OF
9 POLICE CHIEF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
11 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
12 of Item 7-B.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
15 call, please.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

19 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare

1 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
3 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
4 RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF ALLEN
5 LUCAS, 2722 BIRNEY AVENUE, SCRANTON,
6 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF
7 ACTING FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
10 of Item 7-C.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
13 call, please.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

17 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

19 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
24 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

25 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION

1 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
2 RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2020 - APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS
3 GALLAGHER, 311 PATTISON AVENUE, SCRANTON,
4 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE POSITION
5 OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
6 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
8 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
9 of Item 7-D.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
12 call, please.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

14 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
23 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

24 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2020 - APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA
2 L. ESKRA, ESQUIRE, 44 SNOOK STREET, SCRANTON,
3 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS CITY SOLICITOR EFFECTIVE
4 JANUARY 6, 2020.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
6 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
7 of Item 7-E.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
10 call, please.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

14 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
21 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

22 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
24 RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2020 - APPOINTMENT OF
25 STEPHANIE PISK0, ESQUIRE, 2001 RIGG STREET,

1 DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA, 18512 AS
2 ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR/CHIEF OF STAFF
3 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
6 of Item 7-F.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question. Roll
9 call, please.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

13 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
20 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

21 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
23 RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE
24 BECK, 105 YESU DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
25 18505 TO THE POSITION OF CITY TREASURER

1 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
4 of Item 7-G.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question. Roll
7 call, please.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
21 RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS
22 OLESKI, 1124 ROCK STREET, SCRANTON,
23 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE POSITION OF
24 ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING,
25 INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6,

1 2020.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
4 of Item 7-H.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question. Roll
7 call, please.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-H legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-I. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
21 RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF FRANK
22 SWIETNICKI, 708 O'HARA STREET, SCRANTON,
23 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF
24 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER EFFECTIVE
25 JANUARY 6, 2020.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
3 of Item 7-I.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
6 call, please.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

10 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. REED: 7-J. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
20 RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF MARY
21 PAT WARD, 1322 SCHLAGER STREET, SCRANTON,
22 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE POSITION
23 OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND
24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6,
25 2020.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
3 of Item 7-J.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
6 call, please.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

10 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-J legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. REED: 7-K. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
20 RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN
21 FALLON, 719 RIVER STREET, SCRANTON,
22 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF
23 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
24 RECREATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
2 of Item 7-K.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
5 call, please.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

9 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
16 Item 7-K legally and lawfully adopted.

17 MS. REED: 7-L. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
19 RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2020 – APPOINTMENT OF
20 PATRICK J. SHERIDAN, CPA, 106 STONE RIDGE
21 CIRCLE, CLARKS SUMMIT, PENNSYLVANIA 18411
22 TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM BUSINESS
23 ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage

1 of Item 7-L.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question,
5 just to reiterate what I mentioned last week, I
6 have no problem with supporting a residency
7 waiver for a -- specifically for a business
8 administrator. It's too important of a
9 position to just stick strictly to the
10 residency requirements.

11 But I do think there is a residency
12 requirement and a waiver process for a reason.
13 I probably would be voting yes for this
14 appointment if a waiver had been attached. The
15 excuse of it's a temporary appointment,
16 residency doesn't matter doesn't fly with me.

17 I think it opens the door for any
18 employment in the City less than six months to
19 be a nonresident. For those reasons I'm going
20 to vote against the appointment. I do want to
21 stress though it's not a vote against
22 Mr. Sheridan. It's a vote against a process
23 and not being followed properly.

24 We did also -- I did also inquire
25 with the administration if Mr. Sheridan would

1 pay the City Wage Tax. We didn't hear back
2 yet. I know Mr. Bulzoni when he was an
3 out-of-town business administrator did pay the
4 City Wage Tax.

5 So I hope that Mr. Sheridan would
6 make that same arrangement again. It sounds
7 like it was a voluntary thing that Mr. Bulzoni
8 did. But I do think that's something that
9 should be followed and hopefully we'll have an
10 answer on that shortly.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else? Roll
12 call, please.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

14 MR. ROGAN: No.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
23 Item 7-L legally and lawfully adopted. If
24 there is no further business, I'll entertain a
25 motion to adjourn.

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DR. ROTHCHILD: Motion to adjourn.

MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting's
adjourned. Have a nice night. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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